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Peter E. Diamond, M.D.

Honolulu Sports Medical Clinic
932 Ward Avenue, 4th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Re: Claimant: Daniel Backman
Employer: First Insurance Co. of Hawaii, Ltd.
Accident: 07/31/97
Case No.: 7-99-00534
Claim No.: 2J029128
Our File No.: 00-001-32

Dear Dr. Diamond:

Enclosed is a request for authorization from Claimant's consultant, Dr. John Graham, dated January 16, 2001, for a C4-5 surgical procedure and magnetic resonance imaging reports. Please inform us whether the surgery is required for the nature of his industrial injuries. Also, please inform us whether further conservative treatment is recommended before proceeding with the surgery. We would appreciate your prompt response.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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